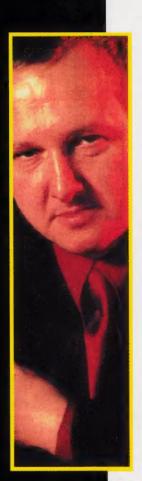
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Space answer YOUR questions...

Did you always want to be famous? (Amy)

- T Only as a footballer, I wasn't really that interested in music when I was a kid.
- J Yeah.
- **Y** No, not always, playing music was a long way from my mind, but with punk I started listening to music and liking it and I met Julian Cope who lived down our vale and I learned to play bass with him, and from then on they were rehearsing in our cellar and I just started messing around with all this gear in our cellar, it wasn't like a desire to be famous, but I did want to be successful.
- L Yeah.
- **F** Yes, but only from about 14 when I got into music and I knew I couldn't be a footballer because I had mates who were so much better... that's when I got into music.

What other jobs have you done? (James and Jenny)

- F I used to work for an antiques shop, restoring old furniture... I used to love that job, and I used to work in the factories but I hated that.
- L Carpenter, and drums in other bands...
- J None!
- **T** All YTS stuff, I was a joiner for about 3 months, I gave out donor cards...all YTS schemes.
- Y Market trader, donut and frozen yogurt salesman, and producer...

Tommy, how do you choose the characters for your songs? (Sarah)

T - I don't they choose me!

What was the inspiration for 'You Romantic Fool'? (Julia)

T - I wanted it to be like a cowboy song, sort of about riding into an old cowboy town, it's about (goes into cowboy voice) cheatin' love! It's a country and western sort of thing.

Franny, who is The Man? (Lottie)

F - The Man is... well he doesn't know and I don't want to make him aware of it but he is someone quite close to me... actually he's ginger so that'll give it away... that's who I had in mid!

Were Tommy and Franny in a band called *The Australians* and were you any good? (Jimmy)

- **F** Yes, and yes. We were quite good actually, at the time... it was one of those bands that was quite famous in Liverpool, but not outside Liverpool!
- T Yes it is true, and yes they were... they were exactly like Space!

SPACEteam

Introducing some of the team of people behind Space...
We meet the producer of the new album, and popstar in his own right, Edwyn Collins...

WHAT DOES YOUR JOB ENTAIL AS PRODUCER OF A RECORD?

Well you never really know until you start the job

because every single group's set up is different, but a producer is basically a person who translates the songs from the band into a form that sounds good on record and on the radio... with Space my job is to be a sort of extra head outside the band to look at things maybe in a different way and suggest sounds and things that the band might not have thought of...

SO, ARE YOU THE BOSS IN THE STUDIO?

No! The people in here are too experienced! Simon the engineer particularly, but everyone's experienced enough to know what they're doing. Sometimes bands don't really know what they're

doing in the studio... I was surprised by Space because they set themselves up as very noisy and naughty, but they're not... they're very disciplined.

WERE YOU A FAN OF SPACE BEFORE YOU WORKED WITH THEM?

I only knew the singles really, I don't buy a lot of albums...but I knew Female Of The Species, Avenging Angels, Neighbourhood and I thought this was something I could have an input into because I've done too many thrashy indie bands, but Space use a lot of different instruments...

WHAT WERE YOU EXPECTING THEM TO BE LIKE BEFORE YOU MET THEM?

To be honest I thought they'd be far naughtier! I really thought Jamie would be drunk all the time, but the most surprising this was that they are so disciplined in the studio!

IS THAT UNUSUAL WITH BANDS?

Yeah! I don't know why it should be but a lot of people get deals and they think that's an end in itself so they have this sort of non-committal attitude in the studio.

YOU APPEAR ON THIS RECORD TOO DON'T YOU?

Yeah! Some guitar and backing vocals, It was their idea really, it's very sort of loose, and very informal...

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE SPACE SONG?

Well, the funny thing is they were all slagging off this *Dark Clouds* thing and I sat there and listened to it and it's good!

ANY FAVOURITE FROM THE NEW SONGS?

Well probably this one (the song that

is playing in the distance as we talk) ... No-Ones Going To Steal My Love.

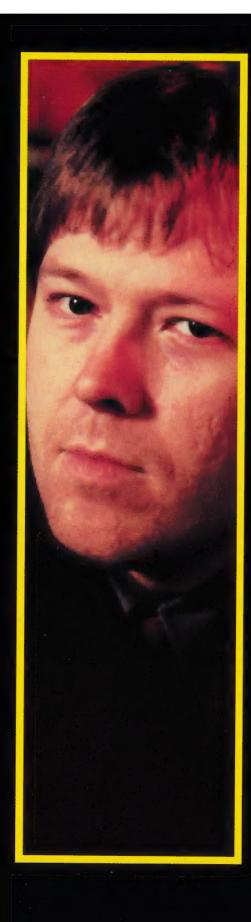
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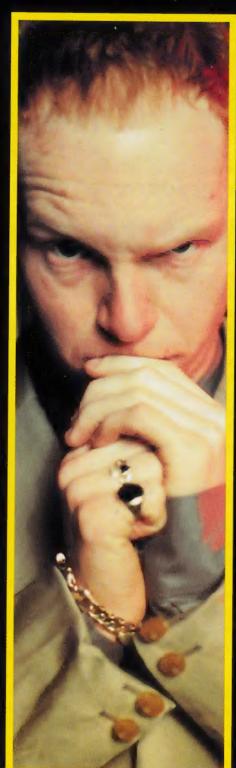
Franny is sort of in a world of his own, Jamie is the most off-the-wall member of the band, Yorkie's sometimes called the oracle, he's very level-headed and considered and is very talented in his own right, Tommy is the bard and all the sensibilities come from him, and Leon is very solid, and is a very solid drummer!

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRODUCE IN AN IDEAL WORLD?

Well I'm not really a carreerist producer... people just ask me to do stuff and I just fall into it by chance... I had a lot of fun with *Terrorvision* and that came about just by being on that programme *Never Mind The Buzzcocks* with Tony Wright from the band!

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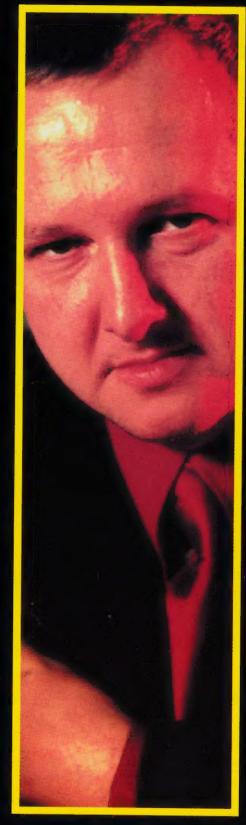




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We chat to Franny about the progress in the studio, the forthcoming record, who's being irritating, and what's going on in the world of Space ...



"At this moment the favourite album title is 'Love You More Than Football'..."

How's everyone doing?

Everyone is well. Tommy has been busy decorating his house, Jamie has moved to a new home, Leon is busy planning his wedding in Barbados in October, Yorkie is enjoying life with his new fiancee Beth, and I'm waiting for my new baby to arrive - it should be here by the end of August!

How's the album recording going?

The album recording has been going really well, there's been a lot of individual input from all the band members and that has meant there is a lot of diversity between songs. It stops things from becoming mundane. Everyone has been working together really well and it's great to have some fresh songs to get excited about.

Do you have any ideas about what you're going to call the album?

There has been a few ideas for an album title in the pipeline. At the moment the favourite is 'Love You More Than Football', it's actually a line from one of the songs. Tommy suggested it for an album title and everyone loved it. I think it's sound.

Do you have titles for any of the songs?

Most of the songs still have working titles at the moment, we usually decide on song titles right at the very end.

You've been doing a few shows recently (some college shows and as support to Bryan Adams) have you been playing any new songs?

We've played a couple of new songs 'Yes You Do' and 'Evil Things'. It's always a bit daunting playing new songs to an audience because you're unsure what the reaction will be and people like to hear you play songs that they're familiar with. They've been going down really well though, so that's a relief!

EXCLUSIVE SPACE CLUB INTERVIEW

Will you play any new songs at the Reading and Leeds Festivals?

We'll be playing three or four new songs... a couple of the songs will be being performed for the first time so we'll all be quite nervous about that.

Are you still feeling very fired-up and positive about this record or have you been doing it for too long now?

I'm at the stage now where I'm starting to get a bit fed up being in the studio all of the time. I'd like to wrap it all up very soon and get out and start playing, that's what it's all about after all!

Who's being the most irritating in the studio, and why?

They've all been irritating in one way or another, I couldn't really single out one particular person, but if pushed I'd have to say Jamie, just because he's Jamie!

When is the new single and album likely to be released?

Hopefully we'll be releasing a single in September and then the album should be soon after that.

Is there still likely to be a Space tour this year?

There should be a tour around the time of the album release. There are no definite dates or venues confirmed just yet, but it's looking pretty certain that there will be a tour before the end of the year.



"It's looking pretty certain that there WILL be a tour before the end of the year."





SPACE PHONE

There's a single, an album, and a tour in the pipeline and not another Space Club Magazine due until October... how are you going to find out what's happening between now and then???

For all the very latest Space news don't forget to check in to SPACE PHONE, the telephone information line exclusive to Space Club...

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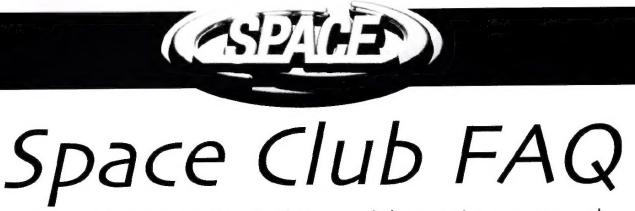
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• I joined the fan club ages ago and my membership has run out but I haven't received all 4 of my fanzines...

Don't worry, before I took the fan club over the fanzines were a bit irregular to say the least! However I do now have all the old membership records so I can see who has received what and your membership doesn't run out until the records show that you have received four fanzines.

I will send you a renewal form with your final fanzine, letting you know that your membership has run out and telling you what you need to do to renew it.

How often is the message on Space Phone updated?

As often as I have new Space news to tell you about, obviously while the band have been working on the new album there hasn't been much else going on, but when it gets released you might want to check in more often to find out about last minute to and radio shows, magazine interviews, and tour information etc. Remember, although I regularly talk to the band, the record company, and the management there might be something I miss hearing about...if you know about something I don't then please leave a message letting me know about it and I can let everyone else know.

How can I send letters to the band, and do they read them?

You can send mail to Space at the usual Space Club address and I'll pass them on to the band for you. They do read their fan mail, but they get so much that you're unlikely to get a reply from them. If you want to ask the band a question then send it to me and if it's a good one I will ask them it for a future issue of Space Club Magazine.

If you have a general question or query about Space or about Space Club then send it to me by post or by e-mail and I will do my best to answer it (if you write to me by post then please enclose a sae so I can reply).

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